## **BEFORE**

## THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

## SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 98-059-T - ORDER NO. 98-308

APRIL 29, 1998

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| IN RE: | Application of Russell Moving & Storage,    | ) | ORDER/(I)        |
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|        | Inc., 411 Berkeley Drive, Moncks Corner, SC | ) | <b>RULING ON</b> |
|        | 29461, for a Class E Certificate of Public  | ) | REQUESTS         |
|        | Convenience and Necessity.                  | ) |                  |

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on two requests. The first request is from Albert Kohler DBA Kohler Movers to withdraw his intervention in this case. This request is granted.

The second request is that of David Popowski, Esquire for a continuance of this hearing past the set hearing date of Thursday, April 30, 1998. Popowski was recently hired as attorney for the two remaining intervenors in this case, and would like extra time to familiarize himself with the facts of this case. Counsel for the Applicant Russell Moving & Storage, Inc. (Russell or the Applicant) opposes this request, on the basis that a delay would produce an undue financial hardship on the Applicant. After balancing the interests of the parties in this case, we must deny the request for continuance. Although we normally like to extend the courtesy of a continuance to attorneys who become recently involved in our cases, we think that the potential financial hardship for the Applicant in delaying the hearing overcomes the need for a continuance by counsel for the intervenors. This request must therefore be denied.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chairman

ATTEST:

**Executive Director** 

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